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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

SUBJECT: Third Agency Rule

1. I discussed this question with [redacted] O/CD, this morning.

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2. Historically there have been two problems:

a. Other agencies claiming that this Agency cannot send intelligence information to [redacted] which those agencies procure or developed; and

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b. The military withholding information from this Agency on the ground that it was procured, say, from the Commerce Department.

3. With respect to a. above he stated that there is no problem because it has not been raised recently and he claims that the [redacted] papers which he had shown me killed the notion of the Third Agency Rule. I pointed out that the NIS Committee is today reviewing whether each contributing agency will agree to disseminate to [redacted]. They are thus, in fact, living the Third Agency Rule whether it is on the books or not.

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4. With respect to point b. he said that there had been no indications in recent months that the military were doing this.

5. I told him that I therefore would consider that there is no Third Agency Rule problem, that his office being a focal point on receipt of information and dissemination would be the office most likely to be aware if there is a problem and I should do nothing until I heard from him. He agreed.

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